

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the Democrats and the Republicans have honest fundamental differences in our views of the role of government in our lives. It is no secret that the Democrats want government to have a greater role in our lives and Republicans think that the government role is already far too great.

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It is no secret that Democrats want to increase the size and power of government. Republicans want to reduce them. It is no secret that the Democrats think that more government can help solve the problem of poverty. Republicans think that far from ending poverty, government welfare programs perpetuate it.

Mr. Speaker, we have disagreements on matters of principle, but the American people have asked us to work together on our country's budget. Let us go forward and carry out their wishes.

Next week we will have that very opportunity.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month, a time to reflect on the contributions that women have made to our heritage, but today I want to talk about how we here in Congress can actually make history for women.

The United States can make a difference in women's lives all around the world by ratifying CEDAW, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Right now the United States is the only industrialized democracy in the world that has not ratified CEDAW. That is a disgrace.

Currently, the treaty is being held hostage in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where one man refuses to bring CEDAW forward for a vote in the Senate. Even though our colleagues in the other body must act to ratify CEDAW, we in the House can make a difference and we can make a difference by signing H. Res. 107, which calls on the Senate to take immediate action on CEDAW.

One of the most important lessons, Mr. Speaker, that we can teach the world during this Women's History Month is that the United States is truly committed to protecting women's rights.

#### THE PRACTICE OF USING HUMAN FETAL TISSUE FOR RESEARCH MUST BE STOPPED

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, we should stop the practice of using

human fetal tissue for research and for commerce, and we should certainly stop subsidizing its industry.

Although researchers profess to have the best intentions, this utilitarian view of human life cheapens the lives and dignity of all human beings. There has been substantial evidence to prove that some profit-oriented physicians have induced women to get abortions with the goal of trafficking those body parts of the deceased.

Private companies, institutions, and even public universities are buying and selling baby organs. This business of trafficking human flesh includes order forms for specific organs, detailed dissection orders, graphic brochures, and price lists for whole-body parts.

I feel that it is time to stop this appalling practice of human embryo and fetal tissue experimentation, and continue our legal role as protectors and healers of the born and pre-born. To make the destruction of our children's bodies into a money-making business is horrific and unconscionable and it must stop.

#### TAX CUTS THAT THREATEN TO BUST THE BUDGET ARE NOT NEEDED

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are now enjoying and have enjoyed for several years the fruits of fiscal responsibility but that fiscal responsibility was put at risk yesterday in the Committee on the Budget, where that committee approved huge tax cuts that threaten to bust the budget and endanger Social Security and Medicare.

Earlier this month, we found out what types of tax cuts we were endangering our prosperity to finance, because this House passed not an increase in the earned income tax credit, not an increase in the standard deduction, no tax relief for working Americans but, rather, a huge tax cut where three-quarters of the benefit went to the top 1 percent of wealthiest Americans.

Mr. Speaker, the question in game show language seems to be, not who wants to be a millionaire or who wants to marry a multimillionaire but who wants to give huge tax cuts to multimillionaires. It is time to return to fiscal responsibility.

#### BLACK PRESS DAY

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today on the occasion of Black Press Day. March 16 is the anniversary of the publication of the first black-owned newspaper in the United States.

On this date in 1827, the first edition of Freedom's Journal rolled off the press and on to the streets of New York

City. I borrow from the Newspaper Publishers Association when I recite the credo of the Black Press. The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

There is no better example of this credo than in my own district in Nebraska. The Omaha Star is one of the Nation's most renowned black-owned newspapers. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the pioneers of the Omaha Star, both past and present, who lead the fight for acceptance of all races.

So on behalf of all Nebraskans, I say to the people of Omaha Star, thank you.

#### WHAT HAVE WE BECOME AS A NATION?

(Mr. SCHAFFER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, in The Washington Post this morning there is an article on the front here talking about California, how the California Motor Vehicle Division rescinded a license plate because it mentions the Washington Redskins football team. It says that the license was offensive. Somebody apparently complained.

In California, taxpayers support the Motor Vehicle Department and therefore a single government-issued license plate depicting a football team is offensive and serious and intolerable; but in New York, obscuring the image of Mary, the mother of God, with animal feces and obscenities, well, that is just art we are told.

After all, taxpayers are obligated to subsidize art. Those like me who are offended by a government attack on our religion, we are told to lighten up.

Never let it be said, Mr. Speaker, that America lacks for vision, faith and decisiveness and courage when it comes to football and license plates.

Mr. Speaker, what have we become? Hail Mary, indeed. O, mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petition but in thy mercy herein answer me. Amen.

#### TAIWAN ELECTIONS AND CHINA

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, China has done it again. Yesterday, Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji threatened violence against Taiwan because it is holding free elections. He said to the people of Taiwan, "Do not act with impulse at this juncture. Otherwise, I am afraid you will not get another opportunity to regret."